

WHAT JAPAN PLANS TO DO WITH KOREA

Purposes to Establish Protectorate.

STEVENS' HERCULEAN TASK

Years Before He Can Suppress Official Corruption—Dangers He Must Encounter.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The British government has made its intentions in Korea more definite to the intentions of Japan in Korea in the event of ultimate Japanese success in Manchuria. The reply has come without dodging from Tokyo that the Mikado will establish a protectorate.

Great Britain is satisfied with this program. The United States, it is believed here, will interpose no objection. No other powers need be considered.

It is appreciated here that Japan's vehement desire to retain control of Korea is prompted not so much by business as by sentimental considerations. From "this dagger, pointed at the heart of Japan," as Korea has been styled by a Japanese statesman, flowed Japan's early civilization.

Commercial Privileges.

Great Britain expects considerable commercial advantages once this protectorate has been established. For this reason the development of the situation under the guidance of the American consular agent, Durham White Stevens, is closely watched.

The government has already received intimate advice of the turn things are taking. The author of one of these reports, a high English official, expresses the opinion that Mr. Stevens' task is herculean; that he may accomplish it, but that it will take years before the first gratifying report can be sent by him from Seoul.

The compiler of the report states without mincing of words that Korea is more barbaric than China. The Koreans, he says, have all the vices of the Chinese without their redeeming virtues of industry and industry.

Official Corruption.

As a race he considers them cowardly, and, according to the testimony of the best-informed foreigners he could obtain, of very limited intelligence. Added to all their other defects is the dishonesty of the official hierarchy.

It is announced that Mr. Stevens has begun to lay his ax to the root of this rotten tree and that he has already encountered opposition which would be apt to discourage a less determined man. What makes his task more difficult is the fact that he is in Seoul by Japanese authority, and the Koreans hate the Japanese as the latter hate the Russian, notwithstanding all that has been said and written about Korea's pro-Japanese leanings.

Mr. Stevens, the report says, will have to keep a watchful eye on more than one pretended friend to defeat the attempts that will constantly be made to defeat his efforts.

Autonomous and Independent.

As to the status of Korea among the countries of the world, the report says she will undoubtedly be permitted to retain her autonomy and independence. Nominally she will conduct her own foreign relations even after Mr. Stevens' task has been accomplished, but the dependent position in which she is being forced toward Japan in commercial matters will make her that country's Egypt. The absolute assurance has been received by the British agent that Japan does not intend to wall Korea in by a high tariff, but that, on the contrary, existing restrictions are more than likely to be removed in order to invite foreign capital.

SPANISH PRETENDER'S SON HURT

ROME, Oct. 17.—News has reached relatives here of Don Jaime, son of Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, that he has been injured by a fall from his horse at Russian headquarters in Manchuria. Don Jaime is a lieutenant in the Russian army.

SOME DIPLOMATS USE MUCH LOUD PERFUME

Clerk in State Department Says Corridors Smell Like a Musk Factory Every Thursday.

"I can always tell by the smell of this corridor when Thursday comes," remarked a clerk, who was walking with a friend through the corridor leading to Secretary Hay's office.

"You are better than an almanac. How do you do it?"

"Well, you know, Thursday is diplomatic day, and many members of the Diplomatic Corps come in the morning to pay their respects to the Secretary of State. They nearly all wear rank perfumes, and by noon there is a smell in this part of the State Department which rivals a musk factory. A whole brigade of automobiles couldn't equal a string of diplomats when it comes to odor," the department clerk explained.

"But all the members of the Diplomatic Corps don't wear perfume?" the friend asked.

"Oh, no. The ambassadors don't and most of the ministers know better. Few

of the representatives from the northern part of Europe are guilty. The perfume habit seems to be confined chiefly to the Latins. If you can get a whiff of a diplomat's perfume you can come pretty near locating him geographically and guessing his rank," the young Sherlock Holmes replied. "The further south a foreigner lives and the lower his diplomatic rank the stronger his perfume seems to be. I guess they think they can increase their importance that way."

"There are hotels where the proprietors won't keep diplomats on account of the loud smelling concoctions they pour on themselves. One member of the embassy of a republic not far from the United States made a great nuisance of himself at Atlantic City last summer by pouring musk on his bathing suit before he went into the surf. Nobody could stay anywhere near him in the water, and the keeper of the hotel had to tell the man he must either give up the musk habit or leave the hotel."

PRETTIEST FARMER IN WOLVERINE STATE

Girl in Lapeer County Who Dons Man's Clothes and Works in the Fields.

LAPEER, Mich., Oct. 17.—One of the most interesting young women in Michigan is Miss Maud Stratton, the "girl farmer of Lapeer county," who, though handsome and talented, prefers the work of men to the less strenuous duties of her own sex, and works ten hours each day in managing the affairs of a two-hundred-acre farm.

Each spring Miss Stratton, who is only nineteen, abandons the gayeties of the winter season and, despite the exposures of parents and city friends, buries herself on her farm, and from the first plowing until the crops are gathered does a man's work each day.

Dressed in man's clothing she performs every duty that she might expect of the hired men, and nothing is too difficult or tiresome for her.

Thousands of persons have come to see the "girl farmer of Lapeer county" at work. Slender and graceful, her outdoor life has given to her a handsome form and beauty. With blue jeans overalls drawn tightly about her waist, a "sun hat," lighting to hold down her tumbling golden brown hair, and with brown eyes looking out from under it, Miss Stratton is perhaps the prettiest farmer in existence.

SHAW AND PRESIDENT TALK OVER A SPEECH

The Secretary of the Treasury called upon the President last night for a conference, anticipating the speech he will make in New York today. He left later for that city.

Among the other callers were General Chaffee, Secretary and Mrs. Foster, and the Hon. John W. Foster and Mrs. Foster.

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Junk Dealer Buys Ashes of Prof. Hauptstuck and Wants to Realize on Speculation.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 17.—The ashes of Prof. Robert Hauptstuck, a noted educator, were bought here Thursday by an Omaha junk dealer named Mark Moses, and he says he will not give them up unless he is paid several hundred dollars.

Prof. Hauptstuck died last December at Alameda, Cal., and his body was cremated. Mrs. Hauptstuck started for Germany with the ashes, but fell ill on the way and died at the St. Joseph Hospital, here.

A special administrator was appointed for her estate and he sold her effects Thursday.

Moses bought for \$2 a little metallic casket. When he opened it he found it contained a fine white powder. It developed, however, that it contained the ashes of Prof. Hauptstuck. Moses says he has been offered \$200 for the ashes, but will not sell them for that.

WOMEN ASK POSITIONS AS MAIL CARRIERS

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 17.—Rural mail routes are being established from Orwigburg, New Ringgold and Snyder, and it is announced here that several women have applied for positions as mail carriers, and that among these applicants are now school teachers.

The Civil Service examinations for rural carriers have commenced here, eight candidates being examined Saturday and six a few days before. The names of the women, who are said to be applicants, have not been made public.

Great Frederick Fair, October 18-21. Special trains via B. & O. R. R. from Washington, 8 a. m., October 18 and 20. Rate, including admission, on those dates, \$2.50 for the round trip. Greatly reduced rates on other days of the fair.

SAENGERBUND HAS FINE OPENING

Initial Fall Concert Is Well Received.

WORK OF JOHANNES MIERSCH

Excellent Songs by Mr. Wiley, Whose Baritone Delighted His Audience. Three Other Soloists.

Seldom in the history of local musical entertainments has a more delightful concert been given than that which served last night to open the regular season of the Washington Saengerbund. The concert was given in the clubhouse, and long before 8 o'clock the hall was filled with members and their friends.

Included in the list of artists were some of the best-known musicians in Washington, and it is safe to assume that were one to attempt a selection of the best number on the program it would prove a difficult task.

Much interest attached to the first public appearance in Washington of Johannes Miersch, violinist, and Joseph Henry Wiley, baritone. Both have been recently joined the local musical coterie, and if their respective recitals last night may be taken as an evidence, their future appearances will be among the most conspicuous events of the season.

Master of the Violin.

Mr. Miersch came to Washington as a member of the faculty of the University of Music. Although he has not been heard before he comes with the plaudits of many other cities and should he leave the Capital now he would have those of Washington to add to the list. His mastery of the violin might, indeed, be said to be complete. In breadth and beauty of tone he has been surpassed by few, if any, artists who have visited the Capital and his numbers brought forth storms of applause.

The selections played by Mr. Miersch were an Alcantara of Wagner and Wieniawski's "Polonaise Brillante." At the conclusion of these the applause was so great that Mr. Miersch responded with Paganini's "Serenade." The composition has rarely been played so beautifully. Mr. Miersch gave it almost a new reading so pronounced was his individual conception.

Mr. Wiley was equally well received and included in his songs "Massenet's Vision Faute and 'Adieu'." "Allah." Mr. Wiley has a baritone voice of much beauty and his work last night before the Saengerbund was noteworthy. He will be a valuable addition to the local music world and Washingtonians will anticipate further appearances.

Those who participated in the rest of the program are well known musicians, including Mrs. Fanny At Lee Gage, soprano; Mrs. Blanche Muir Dalgleish, contralto; Charles Myers, tenor, and Eric Rath, pianist.

Mr. Rath created a most favorable impression in his reading of Schumann's "Papillons." He is one of the foremost pianists in Washington and during the short time he has been before the public Mr. Rath has won a host of admirers. His work last night demonstrated his strength both as an artist and as a local musician.

Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Dalgleish, and Mr. Myers sang so well that none of them was allowed to withdraw the customary encore had been given. All were in splendid voice.

As usual, the choruses by the Saengerbund formed one of the most conspicuous features of the program. The music was under the able direction of Henry Xander, who furnished the accompaniment for country, outing.

SLEPT HUNDRED DAYS; DORA MEEK IS DEAD

Centralia, Ill., Girl, Whose Strange Case Mystified the Medical Profession, Finally Rests in Sleep of Death.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Oct. 17.—Dora Meek is dead.

It was in the winter of 1902-3 that Miss Meek first gained wide notoriety by her unprecedented disposition for long periods of unbroken sleep. She fell into a deep slumber that lasted, unbroken, for exactly one hundred days. Her case attracted the attention of the medical profession of the world, and it became the subject of medical reviews in many languages.

Without Warning.

That was Miss Meek's first prolonged sleep, but even before that time she manifested the symptoms of going into fits of abnormal slumber. Her first long sleep came suddenly and without the least forewarning.

She was serving as nurse for a woman here at the time. She went to her own room for a moment, and when she did not return her mistress called her. The girl replied that she would be out at once.

Five minutes later she was found on her bed in a sound sleep from which nothing human could arouse her. The family became alarmed and sent her to her home, seven miles from here, in a carriage, over rough and hilly roads, but the girl remained in her profound sleep through it all.

Some of the symptoms of catalepsy were present, for her arms could be raised to any position and they would remain exactly as they were left by the hands that raised them.

Hypnotism Suspected.

Miss Meek had been a student of hypnotism for several years, and many of the physicians who studied her perplexing case were of the opinion that the girl's interest in the subject had had something to do with her unnatural sleep.

Electric batteries could not arouse her in the least, nor could pin pricks do more than make her stir uneasily and wince as if she was not entirely insensible to the pain.

In awaking at the end of the hundred days she had no recollection of the events of the last few days just preceding her sleep.

SLAIN WITH A SWORD; ONE OF HIS OWN CURIOS

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Larkin Lyman Hall, aged thirty-five, proprietor of a millinery establishment, was murdered at his lodgings in the Back Bay district Saturday night.

Hall was killed by a knife wound in the neck, which had been made with a Japanese sword, one of the curios with which the room was decorated.

Last night the police arrested Fred Watson and Eugene Sennott, privates in the Coast Artillery at Fort Warren. They are held pending an investigation of the crime.

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RECORD FOR NINE MONTHS

Seventeen Hundred Travelers More or Less Seriously Injured—Engineers Disregard Signals.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Since January 1, 1904, 34 persons have been killed in railroad wrecks in the United States, and over 1,700 have been more or less severely injured. How many more later died of their injuries there is no means of telling. These casualties have been caused by thirty accidents.

A. C. Miller, of Chicago, draws the following conclusion from his years of experience as an investigator of railroad wrecks:

"The hardest thing with which the railroad men have to contend in the operation of their systems is the propensity of engineers to disregard signals. The best man who ever ran an engine will have his moments of mental aberration, when he will fail to see the danger ahead until it is too late to provide against it. That can be done only by automatically stopping the train."

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